

do so, but their request was refused. I fight for the under dog; the minister understands my point of view, and I hope he will bring reform where reform is needed.

Finally, I would ask the minister for some information which he may give me some other day if he wishes; at any rate I wish to bring the matter to his attention. In Quebec city Major E. Douglas Rathbone is in charge of the medical revision board at the armoury.

Mr. RALSTON: That is not an army board. The medical revision board comes under the Department of Labour.

Mr. POULIOT: This is my last question, and I will tell the minister why I ask it. I am told that this doctor comes from the west and does not speak a word of French. He has been acting commander of the 16th ambulance, which I understand is to go overseas. I wonder how long this gentleman will stay in Quebec city, and who appointed him to the medical revision board there. I am told that in army medical circles in Quebec city it has been said that no eminent Quebec doctor would have accepted that post, but I find that hard to credit. I think that position could have been given to a French-Canadian doctor of Quebec city; I must say that the French-Canadian doctors of Quebec have not been scorned except by one department, and there are eminent doctors there who I am sure would accept this position. So that I do not see why Major Rathbone should be there. I would ask the minister if he made that appointment, or if it was made by the Department of Labour.

Mr. RALSTON: If it is the medical revision board, it is under the Department of Labour.

Mr. POULIOT: Thank you.

Mr. RALSTON: The hon. member has sent me quite a number of these files, and he will have *Hansard* send me the others. Certainly I shall have the most careful examination made, and in connection with anything for which the army is responsible I shall see that action is taken, remedial or disciplinary or by way of any change in system which may be indicated. Though I could not follow all the cases cited by my hon. friend, apparently most of them resulted from examination by boards of civilian doctors, who I must admit were under the direction of the army, but I think a good many of them were in the days before the examinations were as carefully carried out as they are now. There were also some circumstances in connection with some of these cases, in regard to continuing disabilities and renewed dis-

abilities after a man appeared to be well, which would justify examination, and that examination would be made.

There were three or four items of information I wanted to file with the committee in order that we might get right on with item No. 3, which is under consideration at the present time.

Mr. POULIOT: Would the minister have any objection to my discussing these cases with his parliamentary assistant?

Mr. RALSTON: None whatever.

Mr. POULIOT: All the cases I have mentioned have been settled, but I should like to speak to his parliamentary assistant about future cases.

Mr. RALSTON: That will be quite satisfactory.

The hon. member for Lake Centre, as reported at page 3060 of *Hansard*, asked for the cost of recruiting for the army during the year. It is not possible to give actual expenditure figures for the cost of army recruiting for 1942-43 at the present time. Based on the best information available, the approximate cost of army recruiting is estimated at \$1,290,000, broken down as follows:

Pay and allowances of military personnel, \$870,000, of which \$510,000 is chargeable to recruiting.....	\$510,000
Salaries and wages of civilian personnel	50,000
Advertising—newspaper, radio, billboards, etc.	375,000
Travelling expenses	225,000
Miscellaneous—comprising rentals office expenses, etc., plus costs of special recruiting campaigns not included under above heads.....	130,000

As I said before, the military personnel included in the figure of \$510,000 are performing additional duties as well as recruiting.

Mr. SLAGHT: That would cover all three armed services?

Mr. RALSTON: No; this is just for army recruiting. Then, as reported at page 3077 of *Hansard* for May 27, the hon. member for Lincoln asked about the additional officers, other ranks and personnel, and the cost, in connection with the authorization of the formation of the First Canadian Army. As I indicated to the hon. member, it would be very difficult to be exact, because an army is not a fixed establishment, but what I have had the officers try to do is prepare a statement with regard to what was regarded as the approximate numbers and amounts involved. This is the statement.